

HOUSE No. 1028

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, petition of Jay R. Kaufman and others relative to the membership of the Board of Education. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO BOARD OF EDUCATION REFORM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 1E of Chapter 15 of the General Laws as appearing in
2 the 2000 official edition, is amended by striking lines 1 through
3 24, and line 25 through the sentence ending “shall not be counted
4 as a full term” and replacing them with the following:—
5 There shall be in the department a board of public education in
6 this section and in sections one F and one G called the board,
7 which shall consist of fifteen members with a demonstrated exper-
8 tise in and commitment to a vital and vibrant public education
9 system and reflecting and representative of the population of stu-
10 dents in the commonwealth's public schools. The board will be
11 ethnically, racially, economically and politically diverse and rep-
12 resent the diverse geographic regions of the commonwealth and
13 the different perspectives and needs of urban, rural and suburban

14 school districts. It will include representation from students,
15 teachers, principals, and superintendents as well as representative
16 local officials, business leaders, higher education administrators,
17 and educational policy experts. In making appointments to the
18 board, the governor shall appoint the chancellor of higher educa-
19 tion, two representatives of business or industry, one member
20 chosen from a list of three names provided by each of the
21 following: the Massachusetts Teachers Association, the Massa-
22 chusetts Federation of Teachers, the Massachusetts Association of
23 School Committees, the Massachusetts Association of School
24 Superintendents, the Massachusetts Association of Secondary
25 School Administrators, the Massachusetts Association of Elemen-
26 tary School Administrators, the Massachusetts Municipal Associa-
27 tion, and the student advisory council established under this
28 section; and four additional members selected by the governor.
29 One third of the members appointed upon passage of this section
30 shall serve an initial term of three years; one third shall serve an
31 initial term of four years; and one third shall serve an initial term
32 of five years. Thereafter, members shall serve for a period of three
33 years. No person shall be appointed to serve more than two full
34 terms, provided, however, that service on or before passage of this
35 section shall not be counted for this purpose. Section 1G of said
36 Chapter 15 shall be amended by adding the following in line 2
37 after “the following areas:”

38 civics; lifelong learning;

39 and further adding after line 25:

40 The advisory council on civics shall include current and retired
41 community leaders as business and academic leaders with demon-
42 strated experience of and commitment to civic engagement and
43 community empowerment. The council shall advise the board on
44 programs and initiatives to promote an understanding and appreci-
45 ation of our democratic institutions and traditions, and to promote
46 school-based programs to encourage an informed an engaged citi-
47 zenry.

48 The advisory council on lifelong learning shall include higher
49 education, business and community leaders with demonstrated
50 scholarship or creativity in, or distinguished experience of and
51 service to, lifelong learning. The council shall advise the board on

52 the development and implementation of school- and community-
53 based programs and initiatives to encourage and empower stu-
54 dents to continue learning as adults and to sponsor opportunities
55 for lifelong learning.